the USA have, however, been directed not to make similar payments until this matter has been properly resolved.

Implementation of Land Boundary Agreement between India and Bangladesh

2652. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether two Joint Boundary Groups have been set up by the Governments of India and Bangladesh to resolve all pending issues relating to the implementation of the 1974 Land Boundary Agreement between both the countries; and

(b) if so; the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) Yes.

(b) Two meetings of the Joint Boundary Working Groups between India and Bangladesh have already been held in July, 2001 and March 2002 respectively. The first group deals with the issue of completion of demarcation of the land boundary, while the second group deals with the issue of exchange of enclaves and adverse possessions. Views on the resolution of the pending demarcation in three sectors were exchanged in detail. Modalities for the orderly exchange of the enclaves and adverse possessions were also discussed between the two sides. It has been agreed to continue discussions on all unresolved matters relating to the implementation of the Land Boundary Agreement of 1974 through the mechanism of the Joint Boundary Working Groups.

Indian Peacekeeping Forces

†2653. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian peacekeeping forces have been sent to several countries under the aegis of United Nations Organisation in the past;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.